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DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

The information listed below may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. A completed Form PTO-1449 listing the references identified below accompanies this paper. Copies of the references which were of record in related application serial 08/828,845 and from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 are not included pursuant to C.F.R. §1.98(d). The references not already made of record in the 08/828,845 application are enclosed.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialling and returning the form to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record in the present application. The information includes:

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Jacobs et al., "Clinical Use of Tumor Markers in Oncology," *Curr. Probl. Cancer*, p. 299 Nov./Dec. (1991);

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Accession No. 899433, "Proline-Rich Acidic Protein," July 7, 1995.

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Respectfully submitted,

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